

III. REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-11 are not unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Sayers.

Claims 1 recites:

"A telecommunications system which comprises an office network and an operator network and a local area network between them, wherein the office network comprises: ...a call control entity, which is configured to control said radio access gateway through a signalling connection and arranged to detect the establishment of an internal data connection in the office network, which data connection uses a GSM protocol ; a data call interworking function to which a signalling connection from said call control entity is arranged and which data call interworking function is configured to adapt GSM data connections coming from the radio access gateway to the data protocol according to said office network, in response to the call control entity detecting the establishment of an internal GSM data connection in the office network..."

It is respectfully submitted that the underlined portions of claim 1 are not disclosed in Sayers. In particular, Sayers does not disclose or suggest any unit arranged to detect the establishment of an internal data connection in the office network, which data connection uses a GSM data protocol as recited in the claims. It is submitted that the Examiner has not shown such a teaching in Sayers. The Examiner merely refers to column 3, lines 8-10, wherein it is stated that GSM is fundamentally designed for circuit-switched data transport. It is respectfully submitted that the specific features relating to GSM circuit-switched data calls require a totally different technical approach than in GSM voice calls. The specific details of GSM circuit-switched data systems and methods are not disclosed in any embodiments of Sayers, which all relate to voice calls. Claim 10 has similar limitations.

Thus the rejection of claims 1-7 and 9-11 should be withdrawn.

Claim 8 is not unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sayers in view of Gossman.

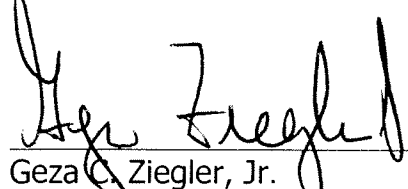
Gossman also fails to disclose the above discussed features. Thus combining it with Sayers does not result in the invention of claim 8.

Hence the rejection of claim 8 should be withdrawn.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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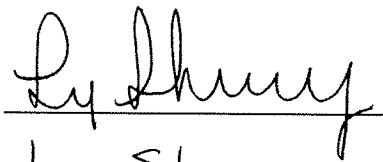
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